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[] INFO MUNI BONN DIR CITE FRAN 9173

[] UPHILL

1. DURING UTILITY VISIT TO FRAN ON 8 FEBRUARY ALIAS WINTERSTEIN STATED THAT MERTEN CASE AND PARTICULARLY RECENT LETTER BY VON HAASE TO HAMBURGER ECHO ARE STRAINING FEDREP GREEK RELATIONS AND THAT LATTER ARE AT ABSOLUTELY LOWEST POINT. PER ALIAS WINTERSTEIN UPHILL HAS TRIED NEGOTIATE WITH MERTEN ON NON OFFICIAL BASIS WITHOUT SUCCESS. MERTEN NOT ONLY DEMANDS FULL REHABILITATION BUT ALSO EXORBITANT SUM FOR DAMAGES. UPHILL MAKING NO FURTHER EFFORTS ALONG THIS LINE. COMMENT: THERE ARE VARIOUS REFS IN MERTEN CALLIKAK COVERAGE TO NEGOTIATION ATTEMPTS WITH HIM AND HEINEMANN ADVICE THAT MERTEN SHOULD NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT ONLY WITH FEDREP REPS WHO HAVE OFFICIAL WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. POUCHING LATEST SPIEGEL ARTICLE AND FRAN AMCONGEN DISPATCH 274 TO [].

3. MUNI: SUGGEST YOU CABLE UTILITY COMMENTS OF 8 FEBRUARY RE THIS CASE IF GIVES ADDITIONAL INFO.

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